#### COL. E. M. HOUSE IS DUE TO REACH PARIS TODAY

PARIS, January 21.—Col. E. M. House, accompanied by his wife, proceeding by automobile from Boulogne to Paris was expected here today. Col. and Mrs House will be the guests of William

scale. The net result of this, he said, was only a decrease in national effi-

Sir Alfred expressed the highest sat-isfaction at the announcement of Wal-ter Runciman, president of the board of trade, that articles not strictly neces-sary might have to be shut out of the

#### MAJ. JOLLY TO HEAD AMERICAN BATTALION

TORONTO, Ontario, January 21.-Maj. W. L. Jolly has been appointed to command and reorganize the 97th (American) Battalion, to succeed Lieut, Col. A. P. Clark, who has been permitted to Maj. Jolly has had twenty years' experience in the American reg-ulars. Officially, the cause of Col. Clark's resignation is given as ill

#### HUNDRED-MILLION-FRANC LOAN PLANNED BY SWISS

Swiss government is preparing to issue a fourth loan of 100,000,000 francs. It will offer for subscription bonds bearing 4½ per cent interest. The proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the continued mobilization of the army.

#### 20,000 GERMAN TROOPS ON GALLIPOLI PENINSULA

from Bucharest, Rumania, the Times correspondent says there are 20,000 German troops now on the Gallipoli peninsula, and that in all the towns and villages the military and civil authorities are German. The correspondent adds that the displaced Turkish troops are being sent into training for an invasion of Egypt.

#### VIOLENT ENGAGEMENTS ON BESSARABIAN FRONT

BERLIN, January 21.-Increasing violent fighting on the Bessarabian frontler is announced by the Vienna war office, but it is declared that all the attacks of superior Russian forces have been repulsed with heavy losses to them.

German troops have been engaged in German troops have been engaged in Following is an outline of the exercises.

only minor operations along the front in Russia, according to announcement by army headquarters today. The statement reports merely the easy re-pulse of small Russian detachments

# MILITARY SERVICE BILL PASSED IN COMMONS

Skill Used in Piloting Measure Through British Body Brings Praise.

LONDON, January 21.—The military service bill passed through the commit tee of the house of commons at 11 o'clock last night amid loud cheers.

Walter Hume Long, president of the closing the discussion, said he desired to remove the impression that under this bill the government was creating a great monster in the form of a military machine which would grab at any man coming within its scope. There was no intention that the war offices should act with undue severity, but, on the contrary, it intended to maintain the present system almost identical, but giving it a statutory position it hitherto had not occupied.

#### Socialist Pays Tribute.

Philip Snowden, the socialist member for Blackburn, speaking as an opponent of the bill, paid a warm tribute to the generous way the hill had been piloted through the house by Andrew Bonar Law and Mr. Long.

Mr. Bonar Law then expressed the grateful thanks of himself and Mr. Long to all sections for the restraint Long to all sections for the restraint shown in committee.

John Dillon, nationalist, added that he had never seen a bill which might easily have led to passionate, heated debate conducted through the house with greater skill or in a more con-ciliatory manner. He thought that Premier Asquith had never shown greater skill than in leaving its con-duct to Mr. Long and Mr. Bonar Law.

#### Labor in Stormy Session.

last night to discuss their attitude at the forthcoming labor conference at Bristol, which will finally decide labor's attitude on the compulsion question. It is understood that last night's proceed-

a split in the party's ranks, and wish to retain Arthur Henderson and other laborites in the ministry and are working hard to secure harmony.

Bill Provides for Leprosarium. A bill to provide for a two-hundredand-fifty-thousand-dollar national sana torium for the treatment of lepers was reported favorably today by the House interstate and foreign commerce com-mittee. There is no leprosarium in the United States now.

Bill Proposes Motor Boat Tags. Tags for motor boats, similar to the numbered license tags now required on

### SCHOOL OFFICERS FACE LACK OF SPACE PROBLEM

Overcrowding Expected, It Is Stated, Where Already There Is Pressure for Room.

#### Tentative Figures Given.

Tentative figures as to what high schools the youngsters anticipate entering have been announced as follows:

Total. 207 73 24 260 172 Eastern High School is not to hold ommencement exercises at this time,

the February graduates returning in June and receiving their diplomas with the class, which graduates then. All high school exercises are to be held in the respecive buildings. McKinley School Exercises First. McKinley Manual Training School is

to be the first to hold its commence-

ment exercises, having them scheduled for Thursday evening. No speaker has been obtained. Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of scchools, is to presuperintendent of sechools, is to preside, and Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, member of the board of education, is to present the diplomas. Music is to be furnished by the Tech Orchestra, Rev. John E. A. Doermann is to deliver the invocation. Class night exercises are to be held Tuesday evening. Central High School is also without a speaker so far. The exercises are to take place next Friday evening, with Ernest H. Daniel, vice president of the board of education, presiding. Mrs. Edith Kingman Kern is to present the diplomas. Rev. Dr. Earle Wilfley is to lead the devotional exercises. Wednesday evening is to be celebrated as "class night."

Western High School is to hold its exercises Monday morning, January 21, at 11 o'clock. Henry P. Blair, president of the board of education, is to present the diplomas. Rev. is Bernard Braskamp is to deliver the invocation. Music will be furnished by the school under the direction of Miss George Thonsen. Friday is to be class night.

None of the colored high schools is side, and Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes,

be class night.

None of the colored high schools is to hold commencement exercises, their graduates, few in number, waiting to take part in the June commencement.

Eighth Grade Programs. Following in the footsteps of their hig

prothers and sisters in the high schools, eighth-grade pupils who are to complete ceive certificates, or commonly called

reason given officially is the uprising in southern China.

Following is an outline of the exercises of the various divisions so far obtained: Third division, R. L. Haycock, supervising principal—January 31, 10 a.m., at the Wilson Normal School speaker, William R. Harr, president of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association; presentation of certificates, Mr. Haycock; music by the division orchestra, led by Miss Hernice Randall at the piano.

Fourth division, Walter B. Patterson, supervising principal—January 31, 11 a.m., at the Thomson School. Speaker, Walter S. Ufford of the Associated Charities, subject being, "Educational Preparedness." Presiding officer, Mr. Patterson; presentation of certificates, Mrs. N. H. Darton, president Thomson-Franklin Home and School Association; brief remarks by Mrs. O. W. Hammond and Mrs. J. A. Winner, presidents, respectively, of the Webster Home and School Association and the Mid-City Home and School Association.

Fifth Division January 29.

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Fifth division; Selden M. Ely, supervising principal—Saturday afternoon, January 29, at 2:15 o'clock: speaker Prof. Edward J. Ward of the United President Invites Neutral Represent-States bureau of education; presentalocal government board, in a speech tion of diplomas, Mrs. Edith Kingman closing the discussion, said he desired Kern, member of the board of educa-

Ninth division, Hosmer M. Jonnston, supervising principal—January 31, 10:30 a.m., at the Bryan School Speaker, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, former member of the board of education; presiding officer, Mr. Johnson; devotional siding officer, Mr. Johnson; devotional Jusserand of France is the dean of the exercises to be led by Rev. James L. McLain; music is to be furnished by

#### ALMOST UNANIMOUS PROTEST. The District's Voice Against Proposed School Change.

the graduating class.

To the Editor of The Star: The almost unanimous protest against a change in the District school system, which has followed the proposals of The parliamentary labor party held the Commissioners, in measures now a meeting in the house of commons before Congress, is a splendid proof of Washington's civic spirit.

It must in a way greatly please the Commissioners themselves that in all taxation. this outburst there has been no perings were very stormy and that acri- sonal attack directed against them. monious denunciations were made of Commissioner Newman pointed out a the labor leaders who supported the fact before the Monday Evening Club ill in the house.

In spite of the strong, conflicting curlinsection of the strong conflicting curlinsection of the strong conflicting curlinsection. last Monday night-District residents fluential leaders are anxious to avoid are separate from ordinary political

Whatever courtesy of feeling the Dis trict may display toward the Commissioners does not conceal the fact that the residents here feel outraged, bruised and frightened; hence the

bruised and frightened; hence the unanimity.

Why do we meet and resolute, why do we appear before Congress, why will we not hush our protests in public print and by voice?

First—Because a measure affecting the schools touches every home with a child and every home that has had a child in school between 1966, the date of the present system, and now. Because in every home the welfare of the child is more to be considered than any wish to try out a new theory of centralized government.

numbered license tags now required on automobiles, are proposed in the bill introduced by Chairman Alexander of the House committee on merchant marrine and fisheries. The bill carries out tidens and present Commissioner Newhan that the organized citizenship of the District would be consulted en

# all legislation affecting the District, only to find that in December, 1915, this solemn promise was totally abrogated. Third—Because this legislation proposing a complete change in our school system was in the obnoxious form of a "rider" on the "estimates of appropriations for 1917." So was the proposal to abolish the board of charities; so was the plan to take powers from the trustees of the library. The Commissioners must understand that in Washington as elsewhere thinking men consider "rider" legislation to be cowardly in essence.

in essence.
Fourth—Because there has been persistent whispering in public meetings among the members of the Monda; Evening Club and around the Nationa Press Club. "Administration measure

was expected here today. Col. and Mrs. House will be the guests of William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador to France.

According to present arrangements, Col. House will leave here for Switzerland on Sunday, presumably to visit Berlin and Vienna. He is to return in two or three weeks, and then meet the important personages of the French government. The French press is manifesting much interest in his mission.

BREAD OR BEER, CHOICE

CONFRONTING BRITAIN

LONDON, January 21.—"Before long the country may have to choose between bread and beer," said Sir Alfred A. Booth, chairman of the Cunard company, in an interview, in citing the brewing and distilling industry as one that was absorbing the services of the ships of the country on a gigantic scale. The net result of this, he said,

Tentative Figures Given.

Plans for the Midyear Commence to Midyear Commence mence will be a Midyear Commence to Midyear Commence the Midyear Commence to Midyear Commence the Midy

we want some freedom to work ou We want some freedom to work out our own salvation, and we call to our side every senator and representative who at home honestly praises the beauties of government by the people. They must rescue us from governmental vivisection. We do not want to be experimented with on a European basis. GROSVENOR DAWE.

#### RESOLUTIONS ARE RETURNED Chairman Johnson Objects to Language of Northwest Citizens.

Chairman Johnson today returned to the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association the set of resolutions presented to the District committee by that association opposing the bill to centralize the school system in the Commissioners' hands. The letter of transmittal from Chairman Johnson to A. J. Yowell, secretary of the associa-

A. J. Yowell, secretary of the association, is as follows:

"In compliance with a resolution adopted by the House committee on District of Columbia I am herewith returning to you a set of resolutions adopted by your association relative to the board of education.

"The committee, because of language therein contained reflecting upon the motives of the Commissioners and others, and at the same time suggesting that the characters of the girls in the schools and the teachers are such that it is not only possible, but probable, that they could become the objects of lust, declines to receive the resolutions."

# PUT OFF INDEFINITELY

Rebellion in Southern China Is Reason Assigned by the Emperor-Elect.

PEKING, January 21 .- The coronation the grade schools are likewise to hold of Yuan Shi-kai as Emperor of China has been postponed indefinitely. The reason given officially is the uprising

in southern China.

possibility of a new step to secure a postponement of the formation of a monarchy in China until the end of the

#### AVOIDANCE OF PARTIALITY.

atives to Both Diplomatic Dinners.

Diplomatic representatives in Wash-

Eighth division, Miss Anne E. Beers, supervising principal—January 31, 11 a.m., at the Jefferson School. Speaker, Roe Fulkerson; presiding officer, Miss Beers; special music, to be given under the direction of Miss Helen Burkboth affairs have been sent to the neuboth affairs have been sent to the neu-Ninth division, Hosmer M. Johnston, upervising principal—January 31. corps

#### Wants Tax Here on Near-Beer. Representative Cary of Milwaukee

as introduced a bill to impose a tax of \$800 a year on all persons who sell what is known as "near-beer." The Milwaukee man gave as his reasons the fact that near-beer is but a poor imitation of the real thing, and is affeeting the industry of real beer, for the allies, as Greece has no one to thank which his home town is famous. However, Mr. Cary's bill covers only the District of Columbia, leaving near-beer sellers in the rest of the United States to pursue their traffic in peace without

#### DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate: Not in session; meets Monday. House:

Met at noon. Military and naval affairs committees continued hearings on the national defense. Hearings on literacy test of im-migration bill closed. Bill to provide \$250,000 for a national leprosarium favorably reported by commerce committee.

#### DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

Sennter Not in session.

Chairman Johnson returns the school resolutions of the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association. Chairman Johnson introduced bill for the relief of James T. Petty.

### DAYS OF TUMULT IN GREEK CAPITAL.



MOTOUS CROWDS IN THE STREETS OF ATHENS AS THE BELLIGERENT NATIONS SQUABBLE OVER WHICH SIDE THE GREEKS WILL SUPPORT.

TAKEN BY TEUTONIC

LONDON, January 21 .- An Am

sterdam dispatch to the Central

News says that the total booty

of the Teutonic allies during

seventeen months of war is sum

Nearly 3,000,000 prisoners, 10,

000 guns, 40,000 machine guns, while 470,000 square kilometers

of enemy territory has been oc-

**NEUTRALITY VIOLATIONS** 

Seventy-Three Persons and Three

Steamship Companies Have

Been Indicted.

Attorney General Gregory reported

not in its possession data enabling m to furnish the information asked for.

Plan Before Federal Re-

serve Governors.

A committee of the American Bank

ers' Association has proposed a plan

the \$346,000,000 outstanding Treasury

notes, commonly called "greenbacks." The plan proposes a bond issue of \$200,

000,000 to displace an equal amount o

federal advisory council on methods by which inflation could be reduced. Some of the bankers interested in the

retirement plan believe it will help toward that end.

Met With Reserve Board.

Governors of the federal reserve

board yesterday to consider questions

Earlier in the day the governors had

a long session with a committee rep-

Benjamin Strong, jr., of New York, Charles J. Rhoads of Philadelphia, E.

affecting the operation of the banks.

TO REDUCE INFLATION

RETIRE "GREENBACKS"

med up in Vienna as follows:

ALLIES DURING WAR

3,000,000 PRISONERS

# FORGERIES PREDICTED IN VON PAPEN PAPERS

German Agency Attributes Wrongdoing by British in Advance of Publication.

BERLIN, January 21, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- Another statement in defense of Capt. Franz von Papen, for mer German military attache at Wash ington, was made today by the Overseas News Agency, as follows: "A wireless dispatch from England

says that the letters, checks and vouchers which were taken from Capt. von Papen by the British at Falmouth, in violation of international law, are to be published. "It is to be hoped that they will be

reproduced in facsimile, because it will then be evident that Capt. von Papen never made a payment to Werner Horn, who is accused of having attempted to blow up a Canadian railway bridge. "But in case the British publish any thing of this kind it may be asserted in advance that it will be a forgery.

#### Horn Case Singled Out.

"It is interesting to note that in the British wireless reports the accusation that Capt. von Papen was connected with many plots to blow up ammunition works in the United States apparently has been dropped. The case of Horn is singled out.

It is solemnly stated in the British wireless dispatches that the letters and other documents taken from Capt. von Papen were selzed because they were personal belongings which were not protected by the safe conduct guaranteed to him. If this is really the British idea everybody in Germany will regret that it was not known before for in that case the archives of the British embassy might have been seized after the beginning of the war. No doubt they would have brought to light interesting information concerning the policy carried on for years against Germany."

Trouved atter President Whose, in the address to Congress, assailed the neutrality violators and hyphenated Americans.

The Attorney General, in a letter to Chairman Webb of the committee, replied to a resolution introduced by Representative Bennet of New York, referred to him by the committee. He did not include the indictments in connection with Mexican conspiracies, assuming that the resolution applied to only those connected with the European war.

Still Some Fugitives.

# KING OF GREECE'S STAND HELD ANGRY OUTBURST

British Paper Defends Allied Activities and Places Blame on Athens.

LONDON, January 21 .- The interview of the Associated Press of King Constantine of Greece occupies a prom inent place in this morning's newspa pers. The Daily News, which makes the interview its main news feature under the heading "An Angry Outburst by the King of Greece," also says of American Bankers' Association Lays it editorially:

"It is abundantly evident from the interviews granted by King Constantine to German and American jour nalists that the businesslike measure the entente allies are taking for their protection have inspired the king with lively resentment. That is not altogether astonishing.

"The conditions under which the al lies are encamped and soon will be lighting on neutral soil are an anomaly without parallel in modern warfare and involve inevitably an attitude equally anomalous toward the neutrality Greece. Apart from the occupation of the Saloniki zone, her railways have been cut, bridges blown up, certain of her islands borrowed and consuls accredited to her put under lies are encamped and soon will be consuls accredited to her put under temporary arrest.

#### Blame Put on Greece.

"Such facts cannot and need not be disguised. They call for no defense from asked but failed to get the advice of the but herself." The Daily News argues that Greece

broke faith with Serbia, and that she was responsible for the loss of the Gallipoli peninsula by breaking a promise, and also that the occupation of Saloniki had been at the invitation of Greece. "If German submarines have bases or

the Greek coast," the Daily News adds, "they must be hunted out; if the Greek railways serve the purposes of the Austrians and Bulgarians they must be obtrians and Bulgarians they must be ob-structed or destroyed. That was the obvious and necessary corollary of the allies' acceptance of the invitation of M. Venizelos to land at Saloniki. And when King Constantine likens his country to Belgium, he shows himself strangely careless of his reputation for honesty and common sense."

#### Books for Belgian Soldiers. George Washington University is aiding n the collection of French and Flemish

scientific books for distribution among Belgian soldiers who are in hospitals or orison camps. English books, novels, ilustrated magazines and English-French In the disbursing office, was promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,200, and John T. Williams, promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,000, vice have charge of the distribution of the books. At the head of the movement at the university is Prof. George N. Henning, head of the department of romance languages, publicist and president of the Harvard Club of Washington.

\*\*M. R. Kubatz Is Granted a Divorce.\*\*

\*Justice Anderson today signed a deform \$1,000 to \$1,200, and John T. Williams, promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,000, vice Wright. In the electrical department the electrical department of the electrical department of the department of romance languages, publicist and president of the Harvard Club of Washington.

\*\*A. C. Shea and William H. Jordan, telephone in Baltimore. He came to this operator, at \$450, to assistant repairman at \$620. made a

PARIS, January 21.—The seizure Wed nesday, throughout France, of all copies of the Petit Parisien and the Journal, by order of the censor's bureaus, has raised a storm of protest in the entire press. The Parisien belongs to Senator Jean Dupuy, and the Journal to Sena-tor Charles Humbert. They have circulations of over a million copies each REPORTED TO THE HOUSE and both are regarded as sober, influential publications, which have always complied with the requests of the and both are regarded as sober, in-fluential publications, which have alcensorship.

#### Reason for Seizure.

The reason for the seizure, the Journal says, was the publication of the note given out by the consul of Montenegro in Paris. Its publication at first was authorized, but later was ordered stopped, and as meantime the editions to the House judiciary committee today that seventy-three persons and had been printed and sent out, the centhree steamship companies had been sorship, without notifying the editors three steamship companies had been indicted for connection with violations of American neutrality since the war began. His report was in response to Representative Bennet's resolution introduced after President Wilson, in his address to Congress, assailed the neutrality violators and hyphenated American sorbline, without notifying the editors or publishers, telegraphed to every town in France, ordering the police to seize all copies of the two newspapers containing the note.

A few hours later authority was given for the publication of the note with a few slight alterations, but the police had already executed the orders which have occasioned the present outburst of

lowing day. It constitutes an apology for the King of Montenegro and his The resolution called for the names of "those arrested," but the Attorney General said that the names submitted would not include all who had been indicted because some were fugitives from justice and had not been appreits stock of ammunition and because even flight had become impossible, as there was no way out by sea and on the Albania side there was intense hoshended.
"It appears to me incompatible with
the interests of justice to furnish a list
of all persons arrested," he wrote.
"With regard to so much of the resolution as requests the Attorney General to furnish information as to the
former allegiance of such persons as
may be naturalized citizens, if any, I
desire to say that this department has
not in its possession data enabling me

#### CONSIDERING TRANSFER FROM D. C. COMMITTEE

Senator Kern Says Work as Senate Party Leader Prevents Attention He Thinks Necessary.

Senator Kern of Indiana, chairman of the democratic caucus of the Senate, is seriously considering a change in committee assignments which will Court Accepts Henry Ford's Distake him off the District committee of the Senate and substitute some other democratic senator who has more time to give to the work of that committee. Senator Kern believes that the Dis-

for the retirement and cancellation of 000,000 to displace an equal amount of greenbacks, and the other \$150,000,000 to be taken care of by the \$150,000,000 gold fund in the Treasury specifically reserved to protect the notes.

The question has been brought to the attention of the governors of the federal reserve banks, but has not been officially put before the reserve board. The governors have not approved it, but its backers are expected to present it before Congress at the present

ntroduced in the Senate.

#### K. F. R. SOCIETY MEETS.

Forty-Fifth Annual Reunion Is Held at Rauscher's. The forty-fifth annual reunion of the K. F. R. Society was held last night at

Rauscher's. Charles Page Bryan was banks met with the federal reserve toastmaster. Col. Thomas N. Wood, U. S. M. C., presided. The society was organized in Washington in 1871. Among those present were Maj. W

a long session with a committee representing the American Bankers' Association, and took up a proposed recommendation to Congress that national banks be allowed to co-operate in the establishment of branch banks in foreign countries. The governors are expected to announce their views this afternoon.

#### The governors are George J. Seay of Richmond, Alfred L. Alken of Boston, D. C. Employes Promoted. Several changes in the personnel of the

R. Fancher of Cleveland, J. Z. Miller of Kansas City, Joseph A. McChord of Atlanta, James B. McDougal of Chicago, Polls Wells of St. Louis, Theodore District government were ordered today ioners. In the building inspector's office, John W. Oehmann, clerk, Rolla Wells of St. Louis, Theodore Wold of Minneapolis, R. L. Van Zandt of Dallas and Archibald Kains of San Francisco. J. F. Curtis is secretary. was promoted to assistant inspector of buildings, at an increase in salary from \$1,000 to \$1,200; K. P. Wright, a clerk

# RAID ALLEGED VENDORS OF INDECENT PICTURES

Police Catch Fourteen, Said to Be Government Employes,

in Drag Net.

Swooping down on a number of gov mment departments about noon today, detectives under the direction of Mai. Pull man, arrested fourteen men who are said to be in the government service and also took into custody at their places of employment two bartenders, all on charges of violating section 312 of the penal code, which prohibits the displaying or selling of indecent pictures or literature.

The raid was timed so that all of the arrests were made practically simultaneously. The report of the arrests of so many employes of the government spread rapidly, and by the time the last person charged with violation of the law was taken to police headquarters a score of friends had arrived to endeavor to secure bond of \$1,000 for each of them. The government employes were practically all young men, working as clerks, messengers or photographers.

As the men, or in some instances boys, arrived at police headquarters they were searched and in some cases pictures and literature rated by the po-lice as obscene was found in their

ockets.

The raid was made following a com-nunication received by Maj. Pullman.

Oliceman J. E. Elliott of the third pre-inct was detailed to make an investiation, and it was following this in-estigation that warrants were secured and the arrests made.

When word of the arrests reached the

FRENCH PRESS STORMS

OVER PAPER'S SEIZURE

Orders of Censor's Bureaus Against

Petit Parisien and Journal

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and the arrests made.

When word of the arrests reached the Post Office Department, Inspector Frank Barclay went to police headquarters to make an investigation to learn if any of the alleged indecent matter involved had been sent through the mails.

Each of the prisoners was questioned by Inspector Clifford Grant, chief of detectives. They gave their names as Courtland K. Crams, William H. Richards, John Sweeney, Edward L. Cooley, Ernest D. Leffingwell, Cloyd L. Riley, Herbert Summers, Hugh T. O'Neale, Joseph P. Slattery, John J. Weil, Adam Weigand, George Ager, Harry Atwell, J. W. F. Bell, Samuel Scher and John H. Latimer.

It is expected the defendants will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow morning before Judge Pugh.

# HAS ITS OWN "POLICE"

cess in Preserving Order in Building.

Washington's police force is no mo

progressive than Washington's publi schools. The proof: Business High School has just had appointed a number of policewomen or policegirls, more properly speaking. They are termed "deputies. While they have not a badge of authority, whereby they can forcibly parade a miscreant before Principle Allar Davis, who is the "judge," their efforts in behalf of school betterment have already been shown in many and marked

Purport of the Note.

The note issued by the Montenegrin consul in Paris was cabled by the Associated Press correspondent January 18 and received here on the following day. It constitutes are the following day it constitutes are the following order in the halls that are charging usurious rates of interest—some of them as high as 40 per cent—were outlined by him today to the House rules committee. He was urging a favorable report on the Howard resolution looking to a congressional investigation of the situation.

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"Deputies" From Upper Classes.

The girls named as deputies are Misses against usurers come from the south and southwast, but the west and northwest, but the Mest and northwast, anna Somerville, Olga Loveil and Evelyn Bright. Their chief is Miss Blanche Rauchenstein, lieutenant governor.

The boys also have a "squad of police." Their duties correspond to that of the girls. They prevent the thoughtless from scattering scraps of paper about the school and doing other things which are not likely to improve its appearance. Bernard Wise is at the head of this group.

Just how the new idea is going to develop cannot be foretold. So far, however, it is proving its value and probably will become one of the school's regular institutions.

The greater number of complaints against usurers come from the south and southwest, but the west and northwest also has a share, he declared.

"Thave recommended that the Department of Justice be given authority to bring suit against the national banks which charge an excessive rate of interest," he said. "The individual who is fleeced from will not plead the usury in an action on the note because it would blacklist him and he could never obtain additional loans from the banks in his section.

Present Law Is Adequate.

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# MEANT NO DISCOURTESY.

claimer of Contempt. Judge Strasburger of the Municiple Court today accepted the disclaimer of Henry Ford, millionaire Detroit manutrict committee will have much work before it this session and that lengthy hearings may be necessary.

His work as democratic leader of the Senate would prevent him from giving the attention to the work of the Disfacturer, of any intention to be dis-Senate would prevent him from giving the attention to the work of the Disrrict committee which, he believes, is necessary. For that reason he is trying to arrange a transfer.

Senator Kern is chairman of the subcommittee on excise laws of the District committee, which has before it the nomination of Gen. R. G. Smith as a member of the excise board, and also the various District prohibition bills. The court denied the motion of coun-

#### MORMON CHURCH DYNAMITED Activity of Sect Had Aroused Much Feeling in Community.

cial Dispatch to The Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., January 21 .-The new Mormon Church about completed at Buck Valley, near the Maryland line a few miles from Piney Grove, arrested after he had been trailed from this county, was dynamited and wrecked early this morning. The church, a to the bridge promenade, and today the large frame structure, was nearly com- bureau of combustibles, after an exam pleted and ready for the plasterers. A ination of the bomb, announced that it call was sent here from Hancock for was constructed so as to explode with bloodhounds, and two belonging to tremendous force. Mayor Koon were dispatched to the scene.

The Mormons have been growing rapidly in the Buck Valley section, and have about forty members there. The activity of the sect is known to have aroused much feeling.

#### Drama Study Club Meets. At a meeting of the Study Club of the

Washington Center of the Drama League last night at the public library Miss Ethel Smith, Mrs. Glenna Smith Tinnin and Ralph Graves made addresses. Members of the league are to be guests to night at a reception tendered by Mrs. John Jay White at her home, 1824 R street, when Norman Happood, editor of Harper's Weekly, is to make an address.

# EXTOLLED AS SITES 1. FOR NEW DRY DOCK

#### Advantages of Mobile and **New Orleans Cited to House** Naval Committee.

Orleans for a big naval dry dock plant were presented before the House naval ommittee today by Representatives Oliver of Alabama and Estopinal of Lou-

isiana. Mr. Oliver told the committee Mobile offered the best site of any port on the gulf because of an excellent labor market and its proximity to Alabama's iron, coal and timber supply.

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When the present naval station was established at New Orleans, Mr. Estopinal told the committee it was because it was found that a graving dock would be entirely practical there.

Admiral Stanford said the Navy Department in its policy of dispensing with mother ships for submarines constemplated the creation of sixteen submarine bases, with equipment, to be provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 in this bill, the intention being to use present equipment in yards or other places wherever possible. He said preliminary investigations already are in progress for establishment of a submarine base at Pearl harbor and submarines already are basing at New Orleans.

Asked if submarines in Hawaiian waters are not now mostly at Honolulu, he said he thought not and that the illefated F-4 had gone from Pearl Harbor, Representative Britten of Illinois gave notice he would oppose the \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump are provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the location of the provided for under a lump sum of \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine sum for submari

tice he would oppose the \$1,000,000 lump sum for submarine bases unless the locations were first made known.

"This chain of submarine bases would be part of the coast defense system," surgested Representative Butler,

"Yes," replied the witness.

#### Coaling Stations Still Needed.

Representative Oliver asked if the nstallation of oil-burning equipment on the new battleships would not have the effect of doing away with some of the coaling stations now maintained by the navy.

The witness replied he thought that would not be the case until there is a decrease in the number of coal-burning vessels, and that he knew of no cases of vessels already built which had shifted from coal-burning to oil-burning sequences. shifted from coal-burning to out-burning equipment.

After twelve days' appearance before the committee, Admiral Stanford, who now becomes lieutenant commander in charge of public works at the Philadelphia navy yard, finished. Paymaster General McGowan will testify Monday. There are approximately twenty officers yet to appear.

**OUTLINES HIS FIGHT** 

# ON USURIOUS BANKS Controller Williams Tells His

Plans to the House

Committee.

Plans for the fight that Controller Williams will wage on national banks

ut into the sun and annulment of their charters are the two weapons with

The greater number of complaints against usurers come from the south and southwest, but the west and north-

mation of the controller of the currency or other sources. I had thought of requiring national banks to publish at the top of their reports in the newspapers of the country the amount of their loans and the illegal rates of interest, but I have reached no decision on this question. I believe that pitiless publicity of this sort will improve the conditions to a certain extent.

"The suit for forfeiture of its charter tion on the resolution today.

# THINK ARRESTS BLOCK PLANS OF 'BOMB GANG'

NEW YORK, January 21 .- The police announced today that with the arrest last night of Michaele Grasiano while carrying a suit case containing a bomb they believed they had thwarted a plan to blow up the Brooklyn bridge or the new municipal building. Grasiano was the archway of the municipal building

#### Construction of the Explosive. The bomb consisted of an agate can

deep into which an agate cover had necting with the explosive. Members of the "bomb squad" had been watching Grasiano for three months, having learned, they said, that an attempt was to be made to blow up "a big building." They also arrested Leonardo di Vizeo in connection with

the case. Prisoner Tells His Name. At police headquarters the prisoner

said his name was Michaele Grasiano. Capt. Tunney of the "bomb squad" declared he was convinced the suitcase was similar to remnants of suit-cases found after the bomb explosions at police headquarters and at St. Patrick's Cathedral. According to the detectives, Grasiano frequently attended anarchist meetings.